

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
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Chief United States District Judge

November 14, 2018

**Via ECF**

Counsel of Record  
United States v. Marcus Davis et al  
4:18cr00011

In re: Sealing Error/Continuation of CJA Counsel

Dear Counsel:

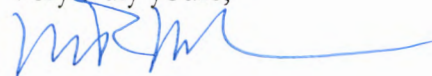
As you may be aware, the docket in this case was inadvertently sealed for a few days last week. I learned of the mistake on Monday and immediately took steps to fix the error. Because of the Veteran's Day holiday, appropriate access to the docket was not restored until Tuesday morning. The court apologizes for the inadvertent docketing error and trusts that it has not presented any issues for you in connection with this case. Should you have any concerns resulting from this clerical error, please let me know.

Given the Notice of Death Penalty Determination filed by the government in this case on November 1, 2018 indicating that the Attorney General of the United States has authorized and directed the United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia not to seek the death penalty in this case, the court expects to set trial dates at the pretrial conferences set for November 29 and 30, 2018. The court will also address any issues presently pending along with those raised at the pretrial conference.

Finally, I have consulted with Larry Dash at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals concerning whether defendants may continue to be represented by two CJA counsel in this case and have been assured that both counsel are appropriately authorized. I would ask that CJA counsel continue to work with Judge Ballou and Larry Dash concerning case budgets.

Please let me know if there are any issues that you would like to have addressed at the pretrial conferences set at the end of this month.

Very truly yours,



Michael F. Urbanski  
Chief United States District Judge